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DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the development of National Highways during the Tenth Five Year Plan together with the respected shortfall ;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the shortfall;

(c) whether such projects are being discriminated against vis-Ã -vis other infrastructure projects on account of 10% charge being levied on the gross receipt collected by Built, Operate and Transfer (BOT) operator so as to strengthen the financial base of the National Highways Authority of India;

(d) if so, the names of private parties allowed to undertake the construction work on the National Highways as envisaged by the Government ; and

(e) the details of achievements made so far in the development of the National Highways?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (e) The target fixed for the development of National Highways during the Tenth Five Year Plan and achievement are at Annex-I.

(b) Achievement in almost all scheme are in higher than target given in 10th plan mainly other than the widening to four lane in which some delays is in completion of some of the works due to the law and order problems, in land acquisition, shifting of utilities, delay in environmental clearance, non availability of the construction materials, tardy performance by the few contractors etc. The Government is closely monitoring the progress of the works of National Highways at various level through quarterly reviews and taken steps like appointing senior officers as nodal officers for resolving problems, constituted a Committee of Secretaries to address inter-ministerial, central-state issues and action taken against defaulting contractors in order to expedite completion of works

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.